

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u><b>April 09, 2014</b></u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u><b>1999-323-C/2000-265-C 2001-447-C/2013-216-C</b></u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u><b>2014-318</b></u>

**THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.**

**SUBJECT:**

[DOCKET NO. 1999-323-C](#) - Application of Birch Communications, Incorporated (f/k/a Access Integrated Networks, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services Statewide;

[DOCKET NO. 2000-265-C](#) - Application Birch Telecom of the South, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications (f/k/a Birch Telecom of the South, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Telecom and d/b/a Birch) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Interexchange (Toll) and Local Exchange Telecommunications Services within the State of South Carolina;

[DOCKET NO. 2001-447-C](#) - Application of Ernest Communications, Incorporated for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold Local Exchange Telecommunications Services;  
-and-

[DOCKET NO. 2013-216-C](#) - Joint Application of Birch Communications, Incorporated; Birch Telecom of the South, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications; and American Fiber Networks, Incorporated for Approval to Transfer Assets - Discuss with the Commission the Office of Regulatory Staff's Request to Cancel the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Ernest Communications, Incorporated.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Grant the request of the Office of Regulatory Staff to cancel the Certificate of Ernest Communications, Inc. to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina and, also, the request to cancel its tariffs, as the transfer of assets from Ernest Communications, Inc. to Birch Communications, Inc. has been completed.

PRESIDING:  
Hamilton

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
FLEMING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MCGEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

